

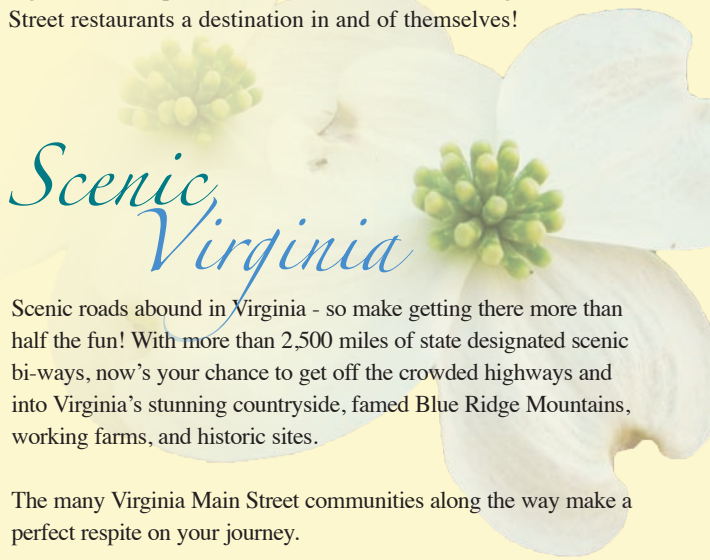
Virginia’s
downtowns...
historic, authentic, alive
- there’s no place like downtown!

The downtowns of Virginia’s Main Street communities are more than a collection of beautiful and historic architecture, more than a unique and exciting destination for shopping, and more than a great place for fine dining and down-home cooking – they are the living, beating hearts of their communities.

Whether you are planning a weekend getaway or a two-week excursion, Virginia’s Main Street communities should be on your itinerary.

Come to downtown. Experience the authentic hometown charm and a warm welcome you’ve been missing.

Don’t just see Virginia — taste it too!
Virginia Main Street communities offer tempting menus for every palate, from sophisticated European flare to old-fashioned Southern cooking. With each bite you will understand that fresh, high quality ingredients and personal service are what make Virginia Main Street restaurants a destination in and of themselves!



Scenic roads abound in Virginia - so make getting there more than half the fun! With more than 2,500 miles of state designated scenic bi-ways, now’s your chance to get off the crowded highways and into Virginia’s stunning countryside, famed Blue Ridge Mountains, working farms, and historic sites.

The many Virginia Main Street communities along the way make a perfect respite on your journey.

A map of Virginia’s Scenic Drives can be found at all Virginia Welcome Centers and rest areas across the state, or call the Virginia Department of Transportation at (804) 786-2801 or visit their Web site at: www.VirginiaDOT.org for a free map.

Events/Festivals:

Dance and party by the Blackwater River at *We Be Jammin'* – held in **Franklin** every Thursday, May through August.

A **Lynchburg** tradition for more than 15 years, *Friday Cheers!* brings thousands to downtown (Fridays – May through August) for great live bands, terrific food and beverages.

Consistently ranked a top-20 event in the Southeast, **Warrenton’s Christmas in Old Town** and *GumDrop Square* features children’s activities, carolers, and fresh roasted chestnuts.

Waynesboro’s Chili, Blues ‘N Brews Cook-Off combines competitive chili-cooking, cool blues and brews, and hot cars for a great day by the river.

One of Virginia’s oldest civic celebrations, the week-long *Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival*, held each spring in **Winchester**, attracts thousands who enjoy its dozens of special events like dances, parades, a carnival, and the coronation of Queen Shenandoah.

Vintage Virginia
Virginia’s reputation for fine wine has flourished - and so has the popularity of its wineries and vineyards as tourist attractions. Located in or near Virginia Main Street communities, Virginia’s 120-plus wineries offer endless combinations of tours, wine tastings, and an education in the art and science of wine making. Pairing a tour of Virginia’s wine country with its Main Street communities is a treat for the senses—beautiful countryside, fantastic wines, and the authentic charm and comfort of downtown.



Rent a bike or take a hike on the famous Virginia Creeper Trail, a beautiful 35-mile stretch of former railroad track that starts in downtown **Abingdon**.
Luray’s charming downtown offers a unique, self-guided tour of 11 murals celebrating local history.
Featuring the largest indoor climbing structure in the nation, **Lynchburg’s** children’s museum, Amazonement Square, is among the best in Virginia.
Downtown **Radford** has all you need – tube rentals, fishing outfitters, etc. – to take advantage of the historic New River that flows through town.
Take a tour of the world’s only recreation of Shakespeare’s original indoor theatre, the Blackfriars Playhouse in **Staunton**. Stay for a play, with showings Wednesday – Sunday each week.
Take a stroll along **Winchester’s** quaint pedestrian walking mall bursting with outdoor cafes, fun and specialty retail shops, historic attractions, and family-friendly activities throughout the year.




Unique Activities:


Virginia Main Street
Contact Information

If you would like information about the Main Street program in a community, please call the number listed. For visitor information, visit the community’s Web site.

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www.abingdon.com | Marion
(276) 783-4190
www.marionva.org |
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(434) 944-5530
www.altavistaontrack.com | Martinsville
(276) 632-5688
www.martinsvilleuptown.net |
| Bedford
(540) 586-2148
www.centertownbedford.com | Orange
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www.orangedowntownalliance.org |
| Berryville
(540) 955-4001
www.berryvillemainstreet.org | Radford
(540) 731-3656
www.mainstreetradford.org |
| Blackstone
(434) 292-3041
www.downtownblackstone.org | Rocky Mount
(540) 489-3825
www.historicrockymount.com |
| Culpeper
(540) 825-4416
www.culpeperdowntown.com | South Boston
(434) 575-4209
www.downtownsobos.com |
| Franklin
(757) 562-6900
www.downtownfranklinva.org | Staunton
(540) 332-3867
www.stauntondowntown.org |
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www.downtownharrisonburg.org | Warrenton
(540) 349-8606
www.partnershipforwarrenton.org |
| Luray
(540) 743-7700
www.luraydowntown.com | Waynesboro
(540) 942-6705
www.waynesborodowntown.org |
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(434) 528-3950
www.downtownlynchburg.com | Winchester
(540) 722-7576
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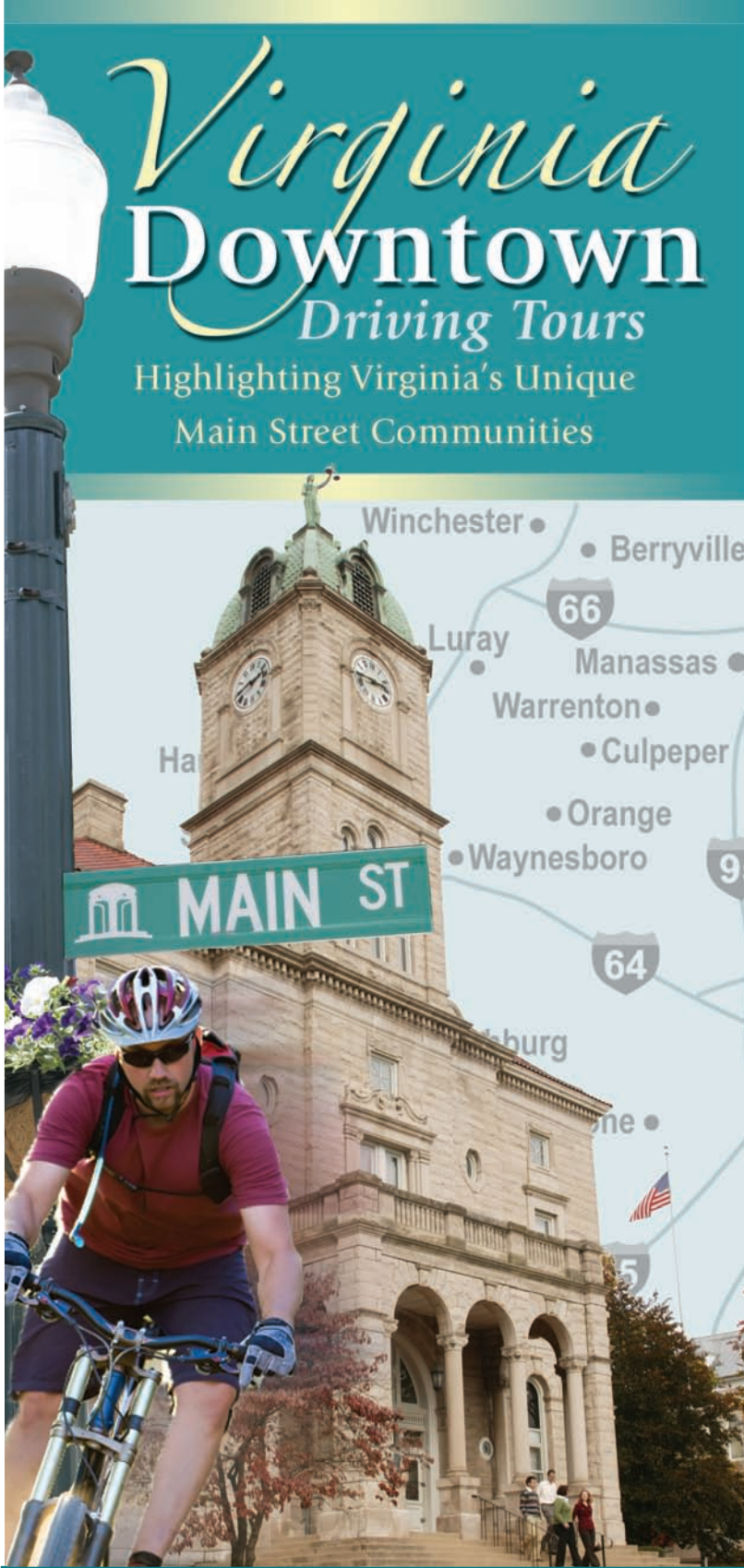




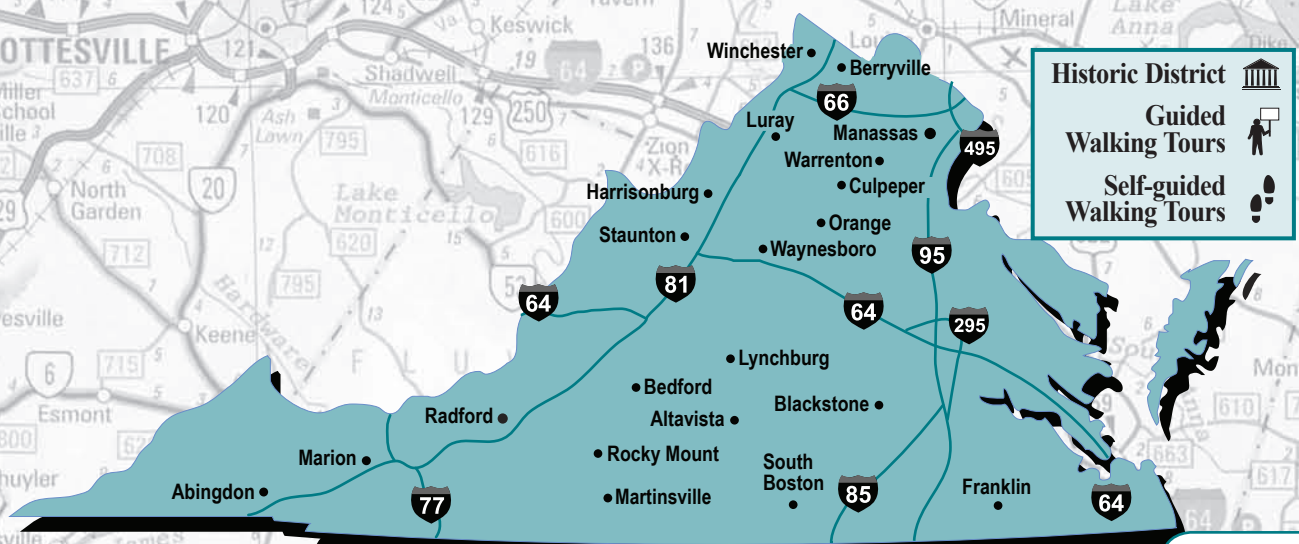
A favorite of the *Washington Post* Travel section, **Culpeper’s** It’s About Thyme cafe offers slow-cooked European fare in a casual atmosphere. A gourmet grocery and inn round out its offerings.
Try the award winning Smokin’ Scottish beer from **Harrisonburg’s** only micro-brewery, Cally’s Restaurant and Brewing Company.
South Boston’s Bistro 1888, a casual, upscale restaurant and bar, is Southside Virginia’s only American Automobile Association (AAA) Three Diamond rated restaurant, and has been honored by *Wine Spectator* and *Wine Enthusiast* magazines.
Downtown **Staunton** boasts 30 locally owned restaurants, ranging from casual lunch spots to upscale continental cuisine.
Savor the flavor of Shukrt’s BBQ—his homemade sauce and his mother’s special-recipe macaroni and cheese will make any trip to downtown **Waynesboro** a memorable one.

Unique Dining:

Dating to 1809, the beautiful and historic Battletown Inn offers fine accommodations, outdoor dining, and a chance to meet one of **Berryville’s** oldest residents, the Grey Ghost.
The Joshua Wilton House, a beautiful 1888 Victorian in downtown **Harrisonburg**, offers luxurious accommodations which are only undone by its award-winning restaurant.
The beautifully restored, 1920s-era General Francis Marion Hotel offers Three-Diamond American Automobile Association (AAA) accommodations just steps from **Marion’s** historic Lincoln Theatre.
Luray’s Mimslyn Inn (1931) offers vintage Southern hospitality and beautiful 1930’s architecture, as well as a top-notch restaurant, tavern, and spa.
The historic Stonewall Jackson Hotel and Conference Center in **Staunton** features luxury lodging, fine dining, and Sorrel’s Lounge.
Unique Shopping:
A downtown **Altavista** landmark, the Alta Shoe Shop offers the largest inventory of shoes in the state – more than 1,000 styles to choose from including hard-to-find specialty footwear, western boots and hunting apparel.
Blackstone Emporium is a family-owned furniture store that has been a cornerstone of Blackstone’s historic district for more than 30 years.
One of Virginia’s most unique shopping experiences, Glen’s Fair Price in **Harrisonburg** is crammed full of costumes, wacky gifts, cameras, and much, much more.
Downtown **Orange** has much to offer visiting shoppers: a variety of antique shops, an old-fashioned hardware store, and boutique art galleries.



See the authentic Virginia on Main Street!



BERRYVILLE

Attractions: Clarke County Historical Association Museum

Architectural Gems: 1820 Federal Hawthorne House, Mid-1800s cast iron front Masonic Hall, Circa 1839 Neo-Classical Clarke County Courthouse

Special Events: Music in the Park (May – Sept.), Main Street Craft Market (second Saturday, May – Oct.), Dog Days of Summer Festival in (July), Movable Feast Progressive Dinner with 12 downtown restaurants (March), Holiday Craft Market, Christmas Tree Lighting, Cookie and Cider Reception, and Parking Meters on Parade all December

Nearby: Burwell-Morgan Mill, Historic Long Branch, Holy Cross Abbey: retreat house/bakery/monastery, State Arboretum of Virginia

LURAY

Attractions: Art galleries, Luray/Hawksbill Greenway, Mimslyn Inn, Art murals

Architectural Gems: 1836 Federal style Lionberger Building, 1864 Main Street Baptist Church, 1899 Luray Train Depot

Special Events: Festival of Spring (May), July 4th Celebration (July), Christmas Parade & Reception (December)

Nearby: Luray Caverns, Shenandoah National Park and Skyline Drive, Shenandoah River

RADFORD

Attractions: The New River, Bisset Park (with River Walkway), Wildwood Park and Outdoor Classroom, Radford University (with Art Museum, Planetarium), Mary Draper Ingles Farm (est. 1747), Graveside Monument and Historical Mural in post office, Gravesite of Virginia Governor James Hoge Tyler, mountain bike trail

Architectural Gems: 1859 Colonial Revival (Sharky's), 1868 Halwick – 19th century home of Virginia Governor James Hoge Tyler, 1876 Italianate Glencoe Museum, 1890 Classical Revival Ashmead Building, 1890 Classical Revival Central Depot with sandstone façade

Special Events: Taste of Radford Farmers Market Celebration (May), New River Valley Annual Chili Festival (May), Radford After Five concert series (June), Highlander Festival (Oct.)

Nearby: The New River, Claytor Lake State Park, Smithfield Plantation, Virginia Tech

BLACKSTONE

Attractions: Carriage Museum, furniture, jewelry, antiques, crafts, and specialty shops

Architectural Gems: 18th Century Schwartz Tavern, Romanesque, Victorian Art Deco, Beaux Art Historic District

Special Events: Arts and Crafts Festival (Sept.), Texas Festival (June), Historic Home Tour (Nov.), Holiday Open House/Grand Illumination (Friday after Thanksgiving), Seay Park Christmas (Dec.), and a Christmas Parade

Nearby: Historic Blackstone College (Virginia Methodist Assembly Center), Civil War Driving Tour, Ft. Pickett, Twin Lakes State Park, Longwood University, Train Museum in Crewe, golf, bed and breakfast, Crewe Chicken Festival (June)

LYNCHBURG

Attractions: Amazement Square Children's Museum, Historic Courthouse Museum, Old City Cemetery, Legacy Museum of African-American History, Blackwater Creek Trail

Architectural Gems: 1791 Miller-Claytor House, Tobacco Warehouses from the 1800s, 1905 Classical Academy of Music Theatre, 1925 Baroque Monument Terrace, six historic residential districts, Craddock Terry Hotel

Special Events: Friday Cheers (May-Aug.), Holiday Traditions (Dec.), Get Downtown Street Festival (Sept.), Winter Cheers (Jan.-March)

Nearby: Point of Honor, Anne Spencer House, Appomattox Court House, Jefferson's Poplar Forest, Historic Sandusky, Blue Ridge Parkway

ROCKY MOUNT

Attractions: Gateway to The Crooked Road, Virginia's Heritage Music Trail, downtown music, The Grainery glassblowing studio

Architectural Gems: 1909 Greek Revival Franklin County Courthouse, 1936 Colonial Revival U.S. Post Office with WPA Mural, 1830 Brick Federal Home with molded brick cornices and Jack arches (oldest brick residence in area), 1875 Episcopal Church, covered in native stone and ivy transplanted from Westminster Abbey

Special Events: Chug for the Jug—a four-mile run/health walk (April), Moonshine Tour (April), Pigg River Ramble, canoe/kayak race/float (May), Footlights of the Blue Ridge featuring bluegrass – (second and fourth Fridays of each month), Come Home to Franklin County Christmas (Dec.)

Nearby: Blue Ridge Institute and Museum, Franklin County Speedway, Booker T. Washington National Monument, Ferrum College, Blue Ridge Parkway

SOUTH BOSTON

Attractions: The Prizery, South Boston-Halifax County Museum, The Crossing of the Dan, Historic Downtown Walking Tour featuring Victorian architecture

Architectural Gems: 1891 Romanesque Revival Planters and Merchants Bank, Circa 1910 Classical Revival Municipal Building, 1888 Classical Revival E. L. Evans Building

Special Events: Summer Concert Series (May-Aug.), Harvest Festival (Sept.), Christmas Parade (1st Sat. in Dec.), Christmas Open House (late Nov.), Easter Eggstravaganza (Easter Weekend), Farmers Market (April – Oct.)

Nearby: Bob Cage's Sculpture Farm, South Boston Speedway, Staunton River State Park, Berry Hill Plantation, Virginia International Raceway, Patrick Henry's Red Hill home, Buggs Island Lake, Falkland Farms Hunting Plantation, Noland Village, Staunton River Battlefield State Park, Tobacco Heritage Trail, Virginia Civil War Trails, Civil Rights in Education Trail



ABINGDON

Attractions: Virginia Creeper Trail, Star Museum, Barter Theatre, William King Museum, Holston Mountain Artisans, Arts Depot and Heartwood, Southwest Virginia's Artisan Gateway

Architectural Gems: 1779 The Tavern Restaurant, 1832 Martha Washington Inn, 1869 Washington County Courthouse, 1803 The William King House, and many others

Special Events: Virginia Highlands Festival (early Aug.), Plumb Alley Day (May), Highlands Jazz Festival (April), Mistletoe Market (Nov.), Main Street 5K (July), Red, White and Bluegrass (Sept.)

Nearby: Bristol Motor Speedway (NASCAR), the Appalachian Trail, The Crooked Road Heritage Music Trail, and the Carter Family Fold

CULPEPER

Attractions: A.P. Hill Boyhood Home, Museum of Culpeper History, National Cemetery, East Davis Street Shops, galleries and restaurants

Architectural Gems: 1813 Italianate Virginia Hotel, 1874 Classical Revival Courthouse, 1902 Beaux Arts Fairfax Masonic Lodge, 1904 Italianate Depot, and county courthouse

Special Events: 4th of July Celebration and Antique Car & Bike Show (July), 3rd Thursday Concert Series (May-Aug.), Taste of Culpeper (Oct.), Downtown Farmers Market (May-Oct.), Holiday Open House (Nov.)

Nearby: Brandy Station, Cedar Mountain, Chancellorsville, Kelly's Ford & Wilderness Battlefields, Prince Michel Winery, Old House Vineyards, Gray Ghost Winery, Unicorn Winery

MANASSAS

Attractions: Jennie Dean Memorial, The Loy E. Harris Pavilion, The Manassas Museum, 1914 Victorian Train Depot

Architectural Gems: 1893 Victorian Courthouse, 1896 Victorian National Bank, 1900 Victorian Virginia Bank Building, 1906 Victorian Conner Building

Special Events: July 4th Celebration (July), Fall Jubilee (Oct.), Merry Old Town (Dec.), Spring Cleaning (April), Railway Festival (June), Wine and Jazz Festival (June), Wine and Arts Festival (Sept.), Sesquicentennial Commemoration (July)

Nearby: Freedom Museum at the Manassas Regional Airport, Manassas National Battlefield Park, Old Rose Garden at Ben Lomond Manor House, Potomac Mills Outlets, Washington, D.C.

STAUNTON

Attractions: Restored Stonewall Jackson Hotel, Antique Fire Engine "Jumbo" Museum, Blackfriar's Playhouse at the American Shakespeare Center, R. R. Smith Center for History and Art, Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library and Birthplace, The Visulite movie theatre

Architectural Gems: 1856 preserved Victorian downtown with more than 200 structures designed or remodeled by architect T. J. Collins, 1856 Gothic Revival Trinity Church with Tiffany Windows, 1902 C & O Depot, 1903 Beaux Arts National Valley Bank Building, 1913 Italian Renaissance Revival Dixie Theatre

Special Events: Staunton Jams (May and Sept.), Shakin'at the Station (Thursdays, May through Aug.), Farmer's Market (Saturdays, April through Nov.), Hot Glass Festival (April), America's Birthday Celebration, Christmas Parade, Historic Homes Christmas Tour

Nearby: The Museum of American Frontier Culture, Victorian-era Thornrose Cemetery



ALTAVISTA

Attractions: Avoca Museum (Victorian House Museum), English Park, Staunton River, Alta Shoe Shop

Architectural Gems: 1908 Ogden Building, Circa 1930 Vista Theatre, 1936 Altavista Train Station with renovated caboose tours

Special Events: Downtown Scarecrow Stroll (Oct.) and Gibley Jog 5K (Thanksgiving Day) Uncle Billy's Day (June), Avoca Wine Festival (Sept.), Christmas in Lights (Dec.)

Nearby: Appomattox Courthouse, Leesville Lake, Smith Mountain Lake

FRANKLIN

Attractions: Barrett's Landing Riverfront Park

Architectural Gems: Circa 1900 Richardsonian Romanesque Train Station, 1916 Neo-Classical Post Office

Special Events: Fall Festival (Oct.) Easter Egg Hunt (Spring), We Be Jammin' (Oct.), Elf Parade (Dec.), Patriotism in the Park (June), Chili Cookout (Nov.)

Nearby: Rawls Museum of Arts, The Elms

MARION

Attractions: The 1929 Lincoln Theater, 1927 General Francis Marion Hotel, Song of the Mountains Museum

Architectural Gems: Art Deco and Art Moderne buildings, 1929 Lincoln Theatre - one of three Mayan Revival theatres left in America, 1927 The General Francis Marion Hotel

Special Events: Downtown Days festival with arts, crafts, concerts, car show, and chili cook-off (third weekend in July), Alive After Five Art Walk, Oktoberfest (second Friday in Oct.), Marion Kaleidoscope Christmas Parade (Sunday before Thanksgiving)

Nearby: Hungry Mother State Park, Smyth County Museum, Davis Valley Winery, Settler's Museum of Southwestern Virginia, Mt. Rogers National Recreation Area

ORANGE

Attractions: The Arts Center in Orange, James Madison Museum, Orange County Historical Society

Architectural Gems: 1833 Roman Revival St. Thomas' Episcopal Church with Tiffany window, 1859 Italianate Courthouse, 1910 Colonial Revival Depot

Special Events: Orange Street Festival (Sept.), Farmers Market, Downtown Flowerpot Program (April), Downtown Landscaping (May, Nov.), Easter Celebration (April), Halloween Festival (Oct.), Christmas Music Choir (Dec.), Membership Appreciation Banquet (May), Scarecrow Contest (Oct.), Orange Holiday Open House (Dec.)

Nearby: James Madison's Montpelier, Exchange Hotel Civil War Museum, Barboursville Vineyards, Horton Cellars

WARRENTON

Attractions: Circa 1808 Old Jail Museum, Monument to Chief Justice John Marshall, Civil War Memorial

Architectural Gems: 1820 Federal Commercial/Residential Marshall Building, 1850 Late Federal California Building, 1876 Italianate Warren Green Hotel Building, 1890 Classical Revival Old Courthouse

Special Events: Children's and Pet's Parade (July), Christmas Tree Lighting (Dec.), Christmas in Old Town (Dec.), GumDrop Square (Dec.), Evening Under the Stars (Sept.), First Fridays (May-Oct.)

Nearby: Mosby Heritage Area, Sky Meadows State Park, seven wineries

BEDFORD

Attractions: Bedford City/County Museum, Bower Center for the Performing Arts

Architectural Gems: 1836 Greek Revival Avenel Plantation, 1905 Colonial Revival Depot, 1930 Georgian Revival Courthouse

Special Events: Hunter's Retreat: The Battle at Liberty (July), Bedford Blues & BBQ (Aug.) and Centerfest (Sep.)

Nearby: National D-Day Memorial, Smith Mountain Lake, Jefferson's Poplar Forest, Peaks of Otter



HARRISONBURG

Attractions: Harrisonburg Visitor's Center, Children's Museum, Virginia Quilt Museum, Valley Turnpike Museum, Farmers Market, award winning dining options

Architectural Gems: 1750 Thomas Harrison House, 1848 Colonial Revival Hardesty-Higgins House, 1896 Romanesque Revival/Renaissance Revival Rockingham County Courthouse, 1903 Romanesque Revival First National Bank building

Special Events: Tour of Virginia (April), Court and Market Days Festival (June), Valley Fourth (July), Fridays on the Square film and concert series (June-Sept.), Halloween on the Square (Oct.), Holidays on Main Street (Dec.), First Night (Dec. 31)

Nearby: Blue Ridge Parkway, Massanutten Resort, James Madison University (w/ Arboretum), Eastern Mennonite University, Grand Caverns

MARTINSVILLE

Attractions: Southern Virginia Artisan Center, Furniture Outlet Row, Virginia Museum of Natural History, Piedmont Arts Association (gallery)

Architectural Gems: 1914 Classical Revival Masonic Temple, 1925 Classical Revival First National Bank Building, 1929 Greek Revival Henry County Courthouse with columns from the 1824 structure, many mid-century rarities

Special Events: TGIF Outdoor Summer Concerts (April-Sept.), Lunch on the Lawn (Summer), Cruise-In (April-Oct.), Octoberfest (Oct.), Martinsville Farmers Market (May-Nov.)

Nearby: Martinsville Speedway (NASCAR), Philpott Lake, Fairystone State Park, Smith River, Reynolds Homestead, Rail Trails

WINCHESTER

Attractions: Winchester Little Theatre, George Washington's Office Museum, Shenandoah Valley Discovery Museum, Stonewall Jackson's Headquarters Museum, Old Courthouse Civil War Museum

Architectural Gems: 1790 Federal Red Lion Tavern, 1840 Greek Revival County Courthouse, 1900 Romanesque, English Gothic and Victorian Gothic Rouss City Hall, 1913 Beaux Arts Handley Library

Special Events: First Fridays Arts Walk (monthly), Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival (May), First Night Celebration (Dec. 31)

Nearby: Abram's Delight Museum, Belle Grove Plantation, Museum of the Shenandoah Valley, Shenandoah University, Wayside Theatre

WAYNESBORO

Attractions: Plumb House, Waynesboro Heritage Museum, Shenandoah Valley Arts Center

Architectural Gems: 1908 Beaux Arts First National Bank, 1916-21 Gothic Revival Fishburne Military Academy, 1920 Neo-Classical Revival Wayne Theatre

Special Events: Virginia Outdoor Fly Fishing Festival (April), Main St. Muscle Car Show (May), Riverfest (April), Virginia Fall Foliage Festival and River City Wine Fest (Oct.)

Nearby: Blue Ridge Parkway, Skyline Drive, Grand Caverns Regional Park, P. Buckley Moss Museum, seven wineries, The Wildlife Center of Virginia, Appalachian Trail

